

## Wreaths Across America

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Civil Air Patrol holds Wreaths Across America at Leavenworth National Cemetery Event.

Leavenworth, KS; With temperatures in the mid-20's, wind blowing and snow falling over 60 people gathered at the Leavenworth National Cemetery to honor our nation's veterans with the laying of holiday wreaths. The coordinated 11:00 AM ceremony, part of the Wreaths Across America observance at 200 veteran's cemetery nationwide. Over 5,000 wreaths, in conjunction with Civil Air Patrol (CAP) units, were placed at the Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. in the event that began at noon eastern time.

The local ceremony attended by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Kansas Patriot Guard, Civil Air Patrol New Century Composite Squadron and the public was coordinated by Major Ronald Behm, CAP, with the assistance of William A. Owensby, Jr., Director of the Leavenworth National Cemetery. CAP cadets escorted military officers Major Richard Fornili/USA, LCDR Frank Shelley/USN, Major Scott Johnson/USMC, Major Christopher Budde/USAF, Edward Menard/USCG Auxiliary, Raymond Calore/VFW KS Chair for POW/MIA Affairs in the placement of the wreaths. The CAP Cadet Color Guard posted the colors. James Timmons and Justin Wilmeth closed the ceremony with Taps.

Wreaths Across America [www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org) is annual event. The New Century Composite Squadron supported the event in 2006.

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